

How to Use KwikWood

Because it does not shrink as it dries, KwikWood© is the best putty we have found for repairing wood blocks. It is very similar to wood in hardness and accepts ink well once it has cured. It is also easy to carve.

We recommend applying and printing KwikWood on a piece of scrap wood before using it on the block that you want to print so you can get an idea of how it works.

It is epoxy, so wear gloves when you are handling KwikWood and a mask when you are sanding it. MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) available upon request.

Cut or twist off a small amount of KwikWood, making sure that you have both the light-colored core and darker colored outer layer.

Mix it well with gloved fingers or a putty knife, until it is uniform in color. Press it into the area you want to repair. If the area is very small, you may need to make it bigger so there is more surface area for the KwikWood to adhere to. Next, level the pliable putty with another piece of wood or a palate knife. Wait at least a half hour, then sand and carve. When you are ready to print, charge the block by making three to five proof prints. Thicker oil-based and Akua inks cover very well; with thinner watercolors and transparent inks, the patch may not be completely invisible.

KwikWood has a shelf life of two years if it is kept at room temperature in its original package. If the end of the KwikWood gets hard just cut off a small amount and discard it.



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